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PROPAGATION FORECAST: May 22, 23, 24, High Normal; May 25, Above Normal; May 26-28, High Normal; May 29-31, Above Normal; June 1, Above Normal. TNX N4XX.

OSCAR... *This information is entirely from the May 16 issue of HR REPORT:*

"The Phase III satellite is still scheduled for launch this coming Friday, May 23, from Korou, French Guiana. Launch window is 1130-1430Z Friday, though there could be a delay of up to a week if problems arise.

"Pre-launch information bulletins begin May 16, transmitted on 3850 nightly at 0200Z. Higher frequency bulletins begin Monday, on 28555 at 1800, 1900 and 2300Z; 21260 at 1815, 1910 and 2310Z, and 14260 at 1830, 1920 and 2320Z.

"Launch day real time coverage will be on 7290, 14260, 14290, 21390 and 28590. The 145.808 plus/minus doppler satellite beacon will fire up after separation, which will take place 15-18 minutes after launch, and be on the first half of each hour. However, Phase III won't be available for use until after days of thorough checkout."

The launch day real-time coverage should make for exciting listening!

MADEIRA... DL7FT/CT3 showed up on schedule last week and has been very active; he is talking on the air about the proposed Albania operation mentioned first a month or so ago.

RWANDA... Eric Sjolund, SMØAGD came on from 9X5LE Saturday, May 17, operating mostly CW 25 KHz up from the band edges. No indication of length of stay. QSL SM3CXS.

W7LPF/DU2 intends a full-bore effort in the CQ WPX CW Contest this weekend; he will be on 80 Meters as well as the other bands.

T19PN operator is reportedly the Cocos Island "park ranger" and a long stay is expected. He frequents 14200-220 at 0100-0200 UTC.

TOGO'S 5V7GE, an elusive one, is most often found on 14260 at 0000; his mailing address is Garland Edmonds, B.P. 3078, Lome, Togo, West Africa.

PACIFIC STATIONS may often be found gathered with WB6LED at 14280/0530Z. This happens irregularly but several times a week, with T3, C21, W6ENK/KH4, etc.

ET3PG CARDS are showing up again. It is imperative when you work the station to get the operator's name and his individual post box number, as each operator handles his own QSL chores.

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INTERNATIONAL DX FOUNDATION announces a multi-nation DXpedition through central Africa by Dr. Ed Richmond, W4MGN, who will use standard expedition frequencies, operate contest style and Low Bands whenever possible. (We assume "contest style" means no lists-Ed.)

Date	Place	QSL
June 20	6W8	WA4VDE
June 23	C5ACC	KB4GQ
July 6	TZ	K2UQ
July 9	XT2AW	W2HAZ
July 13	5V7GE or 5V7HL	WB2KXA
July 16	TY9ER	N200
July 19	TU	W2SQT
July 24	C5ACC	KB4GQ
July 27	6W8	WA4VDE

K5KG, GEORGE WAGNER, will operate from the Aland Islands June 13-20, from the home of Kee OHØNA, and will probably sign K5KG/OHØ; George will concentrate on CW, will be on all bands 80-10, using a TR4 and Appha 374. He will handle his own QSLs.

TL8WH is apparently an American at the embassy in Bangui, Central African Republic. He expects to be there for a couple of years and has arranged for the W5RU crew to handle QSLs. His operations have thus far been on 20 SSB on weekends but some CW operation is promised; he, Bill, will give reports to CW callers if asked. Try 2200Z.

Tips:

3B9AE is crystal controlled on 14241

KX6PP is moving to another island and may be scarce for a while

1980 is Belgium's 150th anniversary of independence; look for unusual callsigns CX2CS on 3650, listening 3700; no times available

EA9GK 7015 at 0000Z

WB8ZJW is traveling in Europe, to G, ON, SM, LA, OZ, DL, and I, then to the Middle East; trip started May 9 for seven weeks.

SL8AEN/MM will start June 4 on a scientific expedition with research members from Canada, West Germany, UK, USA, Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden; the crew includes SMØGKA, SM6EQH, and SM3JIR.

The German Glorioso group last month made such a good impression on the authorities that they were invited back to operate from Juan de Nova in September!

A4XHI often on 28017 at 1800Z, using ten watts; C/B address, NO IRCs.

WB2VFT has IRCs for sale at 30 cents each, plus SASE.

Both N4XX and KH6BZF say look for outstanding conditions on the bands during this weekend's WPX CW Contest.

If you have not received your 3C1AA and/or 3CØAB card, try again to EA4LH.

A22VP and A22YL: Vincent and Heather Pearson, PO BOX, Palapye, Botswana.

W1BB 160 METER BULLETIN came out this week, and we'll be drawing from it the next few issues. If you aren't on Stew's mailing list and would like a copy send a large SASE to Stewart Perry, 36 Pleasant Street, Winthrop, MA 02152 USA.

LATEST 2-LETTER CALLSIGNS ISSUED BY FCC ARE: KCØS, AJ1G, KE2E, AK3T, KW4V, KG5V, KK6T, KA7V, KD8T, KA9M. None have been issued on Johnston, Midway, or Wake.

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BANDPASS: Call/Freq./UTC(Plus West,Central,East Coast report)/Day of Month.

<u>Low Bands</u>	FP8AQ/7004/03E/12	HV3SJ/7004/04E/11	9H1EL/7009/00E/11
CO2CH/7008/05E/11	HM5KY/7002/12W/13	H44DX/7004/11W/13	
<u>Africa</u>	CT3AB/14224/01E/17	TJ1AA/14029/17W/10	3B9AE/14241/11E/11
A22GD/14024/23E/9	EA9IB/21265/07E/18	TL8JM/14034/23E/12	5H3KS/28510/17E/11
A22GD/14024/01W/10	FH8CL/14221/04E/13	TN8AJ/21330/22C/7	8Q7AV/14210/12W/8
A22GD/21024/05W/8	FR7BX/14020/13C/10	ZE1FN/14015/12C/8	8Q7AV/14210/13E/11
CN8AD/14038/07E/18	SU1AL/28586/19E/15	ZS6BNS/14050/14W/3	9X5LE/14025/05E/18
<u>Asia</u>	HS4AM/21300/18W/10	OD5LX/14019/02E/13	VU2TF/21353/10E/16
AP2MQ/21295/19W/10	HZ1AB/14043/03E/10	UD6DFD/21305/02E/11	YK1AA/14222/03W/6
A9XCE/21020/03E/13	HZ1HZ/21025/16C/10	UH8HAI/14014/23E/9	4S7EA/14219/12C/11
BV2B/14209/12W/7	JT1AM/14041/12C/11	UJ8BQ/14010/11E/15	8J3ITU/14237/12C/11
HL9TH/14240/13C/11	JT1AN/14225/02E/6	UL7TBO/14008/01E/15	8J3ITU/14035/13E/18
HM1AQ/14043/12C/11	JT1AN/14028/12C/11	UK8MAA/14213/12E/11	8J7ITU/14010/10E/9
HM1TL/14256/10C/7	JT1AO/14056/12C/11	VS6EZ/14206/10E/4	9M2FR/21345/01E/5
HS1AMT/21308/18E/10	JT1BM/14035/12C/11	VU2BBJ/14215/12C/11	9V1TX/14204/10C/7
<u>Europe</u>	HW3ITU/14011/02E/13	SV8AA/9/14026/02W/6	9H4L/14205/05E/13
EA6DD/21004/07E/19	(France)	WA2TTI/OX/14204/00E/12	
EY6C/14017/19E/12	JW7FD/14220/07E/8	U2Q/14027/04W/10	
Moscow)	SV1IS/14045/21E/9	4U5ITU/21029/13E/9	
<u>Oceania</u>	FK8DJ/14210/11W/8	KG6JJH/14060/10E/13	VK9NM/14207/12C/11
A35EK/14021/09E/12	FK8CR/21345/01W/6	KX6PP/14250/11W/8	VK9NV/14023/12E/12
C21BS/14213/11W/7	FO8EW/21020/07E/18	N6HR	VK9RH/21285/03W/6
FK8CL/14043/11E/12	H44DX/14297/12C/11	KX6/21026/03W/8	ZK2CE/21345/01E/7
FK8DD/14210/13C/10	WB5QPT/	P29DB/14230/12C/9	
FK8DD/14043/05W/11	KH2/14043/13E/12	VK2AGT/14236/12W/7	
<u>Elsewhere</u>	KG4WM/14003/02E/12	VP2VEZ/28510/17E/10	
WB8CSH/	OA4AHA/21300/07E/18	VP8PH/21345/00E/5	
C6A/14029/04E/9	PT7AY/14030/07W/4	8P6KY/14240/03E/14	
HP1XEK/14009/02E/12	TI9PN/14209/02W/8	K9EF/	
J6LKY/28535/17E/10		8R1/14215/01W/8	

Deadlines: Bandpass, Saturday in Vernon; News Items, Monday in Vernon; Telephone, 1400Z Monday.

Letters

"The Jones Act of 1917 gives Puerto Rico unequivocal control of its offshore territories, including Desecheo and hundreds of other rocks and cays. The ARRL DXAC apparently was in error when they ruled that Puerto Rico is foreign to Desecheo and is separated from the 'foreign Virgin Island!' DXCC Rule 3 was applied incorrectly. How can two islands that fly the same flag (KP4 and KV4) be foreign to one another? DXAC says in the case of Desecheo they are. The same principle applied fairly would create virtually hundreds of new countries.

"DXAC with pressure from ARRL bent the rules and the result they are stuck with has glaring inconsistencies they cannot explain. Contrary to DXAC, Desecheo is not foreign land to KP4, nor is KP4 foreign land to the Virgin Islands. They may be different DXCC countries but that is not what Rule 3 requires. What makes things worse is the landlords of Desecheo (the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Bureau) do not want to issue any more permits for amateurs to go to Desecheo. Unless, of course, KP4AM and the NCDXA figure out a new plan. YASME was turned down and several other individuals have also been refused. A deletion is in order. Let's stop creating phony countries just to please special interest and pressure groups."

QSL MANAGERS... Mostly from your Activity Reports and no guarantees, of course...

A22GD/SM3CXS	HH2VP/N4XR	P29NLB/WB2FLB	VQ9TT/KB5MZ
A35JL/K9AUB	HS1AMT/W2TK	SV0AA/9/N200	VR1PE/WB6UBX
A7XM/DJ9ZB	HS4AM/VE3DPB	S79CP/KA2AKE	VS500/N200
CI3LSS/VE3LSS	HW3ITU/F6BFH	S79GM/WA4JIL	YA10S/SM0DJZ
CK8MB/K0BJ	HZ1AB/K8PYD	TI9CC/TI2CF	YB0PG/WA2DWE
WB8CSH/	H5AA/ZS4MG	TL8JM/W5RU	YC1BZ/JA0YJA
C6A/K8CW	J6LKY/N6NK	TU2DP/N4BZV	ZK2DX/JA1BK
KP4KK/	N4ADJ/	TU2IN/K3HBP	ZM7AA/4Z4TT
DU2/WA3HUP	KH2/WB4CCT	TZ4AQS/ON6BC	ZP5GLS/W3HNK
EC9AA/EA1QF	WA4BVB/	U2Q/UK2GCF	3D2DB/JA1BK
EP2TY/JR3WRG	KH2/WA4GLE	VK9NM/DJ5CQ	SM0AGD/
FK8AU/I0PQR	K6LPL/	VK9NV/Box 27,	3D6/SM3CXS
FK8CR/W7OK	KH5/K6LPL	Norfolk	DF5FM/
FK8DD/WB3JUK	K6LPL/	VK9RH/Box 97,	5N0/DF3FN
FK8DJ/JH3XCU	KH3/K6LPL	Norfolk	8P6OH/W2FLO
FK8PQ/I0PQ	KC6HC/KG6JHH	VK0KH/VK5WV	8Q7AR/K2TJ
FO8DP/N7RO	KH6GKD/WB6UBX	VP2MDG/W6FDG	8Q7AW/DJ2BW
FP8AQ/N2AMK	KX6PP/WD4NVH	VP2MFJ/K1RIF	9H1BR/WA2MFV
FR0ACB/DK9KD	OD5LX/SM0GMG	VP2VEZ/W5HF	9K2EP/SM0DJZ
FR0ACC/DK9KD	P29DP/W7OK	VP2VGF/WA1GXE	9M6MU/N2CW

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SAUDI ARABIA We received a letter recently about the activity from HZ1AB, and wanted to print it after "Death of a Princess" aired on Public Television. Ironically, the letter came from Houston, which was one of the cities where the local TV PBS affiliate was pressured into NOT running the show; the other places which did not run it were Los Angeles, North Carolina and parts of Alabama.

In case you missed the publicity surrounding the show, which was an episode in the "World" series which we plugged in this paper a couple of months ago, the Saudi government asked the US State Department to prevent the show's airing in the US. Most of Western Europe had already seen "Death of a Princess." As it turned out, the two-hour "docu-drama" was good soap opera and that was about it. Surely most viewers realized that one unfortunate affair in the Royal Family does not a country make. Can you imagine the US keeping "All in the Family" off the air overseas so others won't think we are all Archie Bunkers? Anyhow, here's the letter:

"HZ1AB is licensed to the U.S. Military Training Mission at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. The station was first licensed after WW-II when the U.S. constructed what is now Dhahran International Airport as then Dhahran Air Base. The installation now serves Saudi Arabia both as an international airport and as one of the military air bases.

"HZ1AB is the only station in Saudi Arabia where US amateurs may operate legally. And, only US citizens may legally operate the station—a situation that upsets some of the other nationalities working nearby. The station license has been effect continuously since first issued, and there is no indication that it will not continue in effect. However, no licenses are currently issued to non-Saudi citizens--NONE! Contrary to what certain individualists have done in operating illegally from the country, there is no expatriate operation from HZ that is legal except from HZ1AB.

"For a variety of reasons, including mutually cooperative factors, a limited number of amateurs employed by the oil company are permitted to operate the station as visiting ops (we assume by "oil company" he means ARAMCO-Ed.). I have operated extensively from HZ1AB, and was instrumental in bringing a degree of order out of the chaos of the QSLing situation.

"In 1977, K8PYD was selected as the QSL manager for the station. He has continued in that role, and has copies of all current logs, i.e., from about 1976 forward, except for a few pages lifted by one or more of the visiting ops. These characters are either gone, or not permitted to operate now. Leo also has a record of all periods for which logs are available at the station, many of which have disappeared over the intervening years. Thus, Leo is able to either QSL for contacts or direct old inquiries to the station. The latter usually go over there with (me) so that I can personally search the logs.

"From time to time, a visiting operator will decide that he wants to handle QSLs differently. This is not approved by the USMTM, and cards issued in that manner can probably be challenged for DXCC credit. This is not to say that certain cards issued by a variety of other managers are not legal--just that they may be. A certainty is that a card issued by K8PYD is completely legal and acceptable for DXCC credit.

"Thought this might be of interest." /s/

(Name withheld)

CALENDAR

Madeira	DL7FT/CT3 on now through 25 May; this issue
Rwanda	9X5LE by SMØAGD on now; this issue
WPX	CQ CW Contest, 24-25 May; log deadline 10 July
Bajo Nuevo	Rumored for last week of May; Issue 37
W6AM Visitors Day	8 June at Rancho Palos Verdes; Issue 38
Leichtenstein	DA1WA/HBØ 24 May - 1 June; Issue 37
Aland Islands	K5KG/OHØ, 13-20 June; this issue
Senegal	Starts 20 June by W4MGN; this issue
Gambia	Starts 23 June, C5ACC, by W4MGN; this issue
All Asia Contest	PHONE, 21-22 June
Mali	Starts 6 July by W4MGN; this issue
National Convention	By ARRL, 25-27 July, Seattle, Washington; See the Stars!!!

PAST DX...

May, 1960 (from West Gulf DX Club Bulletin): Sudan mainstay ST2AR going on SSB for the first time using W3ZA's KWM1...W3ZA himself going to operate from Iran in July... Malpelo attempt by W9EVI and crew thwarted by rough seas, ran out of time; expedition scrubbed...Danny Weil of YASME fame on from VP5VB...ARRL deciding on status of W3ZA/EP and W2AYN/EP operations and QSLs...Voice of America on 21458 has a ham program hosted by Bill Leonard, W2SKE (who is now CBS News Director).

May, 1970 (from The DXers Magazine): No reciprocal licensing of foreigners in Thailand, seven nationals licensed but only one is active...Martin Laine, OH2BH, will lead a group of twelve to Market Reef OJØDX in June...W9IGW at VP2G, PZ5WW, and PJ8WW...OH2BH said headed for ZA Albania after Market Reef...A photo of W1OJR's QSL from ZA2ACB (1957) by operator DM2ACB; that operation totalled 171 contacts, only 60 USA.

THANKS TO...

HR Report, N4FD, KH6GI, WØBW, KØDEQ, W4OWJ, K5OVC, SMØHVL, WB8ZJW, W3ODJ, N4MM, KB8KW/7, ON5KP, WING, K5KG, N200, WA4DAN, N9KW, W6HXW, W2BHK, AF2Y, WB1FGK, W8JXM, W2HXF, WA4GLE, K4JST, K6IR, KAØE, W7YF, KC4BR, W7QMU, N2GG, W5CPI, W1SD, K9AUB, WB5OFB, WB2VFT, and Honest Lefty on Scam Island.

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